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Applicant: Yoshinori Kuno et al. **Atty. Docket No.** 075834.00033
Serial No.: 09/ 306,813 **Group Art Unit:** 2612
Filed: May 7, 1999 **Examiner:** Justin P. Misleh
Invention: "SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE"

AMENDMENT A

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In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Once Amended) A solid state image pickup device being provided with a photoelectric converter portion [being composed of] having a plurality of pixels disposed in a row, a charge transfer portion for transferring the charges generated in said photoelectric converter portion and a charge/voltage converter portion for converting the charges transferred by said charge transfer portion into voltages comprising:

a timing pulse generator portion for generating at least more than one pulse signal from among four pulse signals which are; a first pulse signal for driving said charge transfer portion, a second pulse signal for reading out the charges generated in said photoelectric converter portion, a third pulse signal for sweeping out the charges generated in said photoelectric converter portion, and a fourth pulse signal for discharging the charges transferred to said charge/voltage converter portion, and

a switch circuit for [switching over at least one pulse signal out of said] alternatively selecting between pulse signals of [more than one to] said timing pulse generator or a predetermined fixed potential or a floating level which are not dependent upon signals from the timing pulse generator.

2. (Once Amended) A method for driving a solid state image pickup device [being] provided with a photoelectric converter portion [being composed of] having a plurality of pixels in a row, a charge transfer portion for transferring the charges generated in said

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